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15. (U) X., F.B., AND A.V. ARE FROM DIFFERENT VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF PRIJEDOR, BOSNIA. THEY WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE BY SERBIAN FORCES IN LATE MAY 1992 AND CONFINED, EACH FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS, IN OMARSKA CAMP. X. SAID SHE WAS ONE OF THIRTY-EIGHT WOMEN DETAINED AT THE CAMP DURING THIS PERIOD. (NOTE: THE SERBS HAVE CONSISTENTLY DENIED THAT ANY WOMEN WERE HELD AT OMARSKA CAMP.) X. SAID MANY OF THE WOMEN ARRIVED ON MAY 26, WHEN THE CAMP WAS OPENED.

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16. (U) X., F.B., AND A.V. PROVIDED THE LISTS AND DESCRIPTIONS BELOW OF OMARSKA CAMP'S PERSONNEL STRUCTURE. AFTER REPEATED QUESTIONING BY THE INTERVIEWER, TOGETHER AND INDIVIDUALLY, X., F.B., AND A.V. (OR AT LEAST TWO OF THE THREE OF THEM) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIED EVERY OMARSKA CAMP OFFICIAL LISTED IN THIS REPORT.

MAJOR PRIJEDOR AREA CAMPS

17. (U) OMARSKA IS ONE OF FOUR VERY LARGE CAMPS IN THE PRIJEDOR AREA. IT WAS AN ALUMINUM MINE BEFORE THE WAR. THE OTHER THREE CAMPS ARE KERATERM, TRNOPOLJE, AND MANJACA. CIVILIANS WERE INTERNED AT ALL FOUR CAMPS, WHILE MOST ALLEGED POWS WERE SENT TO MANJACA. MANY PRISONERS DESCRIBED OMARSKA AS THE

WORST OF THE FOUR. MANY PRISONERS WERE MOVED AMONG THE CAMPS DURING THEIR INTERNMENT.

COMMANDERS AT OMARSKA

18. (U) OMARSKA CAMP WAS COMMANDED BY DRAGO PRCAC, A RETIREE FROM PRIJEDOR. HIS ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY WAS A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN NAMED NADA BALABAN. BALABAN KEPT THE CAMP RECORDS, I.E., THE PAYROLL LEDGER OF THE

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GUARDS AND OFFICERS, THE GUARD SHIFT SCHEDULE, ETC.
(NOTE: X. COMMENTED THAT IF THESE LEDGERS COULD BE
FOUND, THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF WHO WORKED

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IN WHAT POSITION, AND WHEN.)

19. (U) THE COMMANDER OF SECURITY AT OMARSKA (OBEZBJEDJENJA) WAS ZELJKO MEAKIC (29), AN INSPECTOR FIRST-CLASS IN THE BOSNIAN SERBIAN POLICE BEFORE THE WAR. MEAKIC CAME FROM THE VILLAGE OF PETROV GAJ, NEAR PRIJEDOR. BECAUSE OF MEAKIC'S POSITION AND THE AMOUNT OF TIME HE SPENT AT THE CAMP, MANY PRISONERS CONCLUDED, INCORRECTLY, THAT HE WAS THE OVERALL COMMANDER AT OMARSKA. WHEN PRISONERS BEGAN ARRIVING AT OMARSKA IN LATE MAY, MEAKIC'S DEPUTY WAS MIROSLAV KVOCKA (30), A SERB FROM THE NEARBY VILLAGE OF LAMOVITA. KVOCKA HAD MUSLIM BROTHERS-IN-LAW WHOM HE

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TRIED TO HIDE IN HIS HOUSE. WHEN THIS WAS FOUND OUT,
HE WAS REPLACED AS MEAKIC'S DEPUTY BY A MAN NICKNAMED
BRK. THIS CHANGE OF DEPUTIES OCCURRED IN LATE JUNE.

GUARD TEAM SHIFT LEADERS

110. (U) OMARSKA CAMP HAD THREE REGULAR GUARD TEAMS. THE TEAMS WORKED TWELVE-HOUR SHIFTS, FROM SEVEN AM TO SEVEN PM. THEY ROTATED CONSECUTIVELY, ONE AFTER THE OTHER. THE THREE SHIFT LEADERS WERE:

-- MLADO RADIC, NICKNAMED KRKAN
-- MILOJICA KOS, NICKNAMED KRLE
-- MOMCILO GRUBAN, NICKNAMED CKALJA

111. (U) RADIC IS A FORTY-YEAR-OLD ACTIVE POLICEMAN FROM LAMOVITA. RADIC WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE MOST BRUTAL OF THE SHIFT LEADERS. THE MOST HEINOUS TORTURES AND BEATINGS, AND THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DEATHS, TOOK PLACE DURING RADIC'S SHIFTS. KOS IS A MIDDLE-AGED WAITER WHO USED TO WORK AT THE HOTEL EUROPA IN OMARSKA BEFORE THE WAR. KOS WAS IDENTIFIED AS A GENERALLY LESS BRUTAL SHIFT LEADER. GRUBAN IS ABOUT THIRTY, FROM THE VILLAGE OF MARICKI. HE IS IN

THE POLICE RESERVE. HE WORKED IN THE OMARSKA MINE BEFORE THE WAR. GRUBAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS LESS BRUTAL THAN RADIC OR KOS. EACH SHIFT TEAM COMPRISED FIFTEEN TO TWENTY GUARDS.

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112. (U) OMARSKA HAD VARIOUS INSPECTORS WHO REGULARLY INTERROGATED THE PRISONERS. X. AND F.B. NAMED SIX THEY COULD REMEMBER:

-- DRAGAN RADAKOVIC - DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK
-- OF KOZARAC
-- RATKO MILOSAVLJEVIC - DIRECTOR OF THE FIRM
-- AGROUNIJA, FROM PRIJEDOR
-- DRAGO MEAKIC - A RETIREE, UNCLE OF THE CAMP
-- SECURITY COMMANDER
-- MILAN ZORIC - REGULAR BLUE-COLLAR WORKER
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-- (FNU) LAKIC - WORKED IN THE OMARSKA SUP (POLICE
-- SECURITY) AS AN INSPECTOR
-- JELENKO (LNU) - A BJELOVAR LAWYER

GUARDS

113. (U) AS NOTED ABOVE, AS LEAST TWO OF THE THREE SUBJECTS, X., F.B., AND A.V., PERSONALLY IDENTIFIED EACH INDIVIDUAL NAMED ON THE FOLLOWING LIST OF OMARSKA GUARDS:

-- MIRKO BABIC
-- (FNU) BAKALJ (SEE PARAGRAPH 25 BELOW)
-- BRANKO BERIC (SEE PARAGRAPH 27 BELOW)
-- MILOJICA BERIC (SEE PARAGRAPH 27 BELOW)
-- ZORAN DELIC
-- DRASKO GRUBAN
-- GORAN GRUBAN
-- RADE GRUBAN (NICKNAMED VOJVODA)
-- NENAD JANJIC (NICKNAMED NESO)
-- SRETO JASNIC
-- DUSAN JOKIC
-- RANKO KRIVAJA
-- STANKO KRIVAJA
-- MILOJICA KVOCKA
-- ZORAN KVOCKA
-- DZORDJE LATINCIC
-- (FNU) MAMUZO (NICKNAMED CIGO, SEE PARA 28 BELOW)
-- ZIRKO MARMAT

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-- RANKO MILUNOVIC
-- ZORAN MIODROGORIC
-- GORAN PASPALJ

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-- MLADEN POPOVIC
-- MARINKO POSPALJ
-- DRAZENKO PREDOJERIC
-- MILOS (LNU, THOUGHT TO BE "SESTIC") FROM NISEVICA
-- NEDELJKO SOSKAN
-- (FNU) SOSKAN
-- DRAGOJA STAKIC
-- MILOMIR STAKIC
-- MIROSLAV STOJNIC
-- STEVAN TERANOVIC
-- MLADEN TIMOROC
-- RANKO TOPIC
-- VULETA UROS
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-- MILENKO VELANKA
-- NENAD VRHOVAC
-- BORO VUCENOVIC
-- NOVAK VUCETA
-- RAJKO VUCETA

114. (U) X. AND A.V. IDENTIFIED HAKIJA PIDIC AS AN INFORMER. PIDIC WAS A MUSLIM FROM THE PRIJEDOR AREA. HE VISITED ALL THE CAMPS REGULARLY AND IDENTIFIED PEOPLE WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE INVOLVED IN ANTI-SERB ACTIVITE. MOST OF THESE PEOPLE WERE LED AWAY AND NEVER SEEN AGAIN. AT FIRST HE CAME EVERY TWO OR THREE DAYS, BUT TOWARDS THE END OF THE SUMMER HE CAME ABOUT ONCE A WEEK.

115. (U) X., F.B., AND A.V., AS WELL AS OTHER PRISONERS FROM OMAHKA, SAID THAT EACH DAY TEN TO FIFTEEN NEW CORPSES LAY IN THE FIELD NEXT TO ONE OF THE "DORMITORIES." THESE CORPSES, AS WELL AS OTHERS, WERE DRIVEN AWAY BY SMALL TRUCKS. THE TRUCKS OFTEN HAD BLOOD STAINS ALL OVER THEM. X. AND A.V. PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF DRIVERS OF THE TRUCKS:

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-- ZDRAVKO BJELOBRK
 -- MILAN DARDA
 -- VLADO KOBAS

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-- DRAGO PESEVIC

-- MILENKO RADIC

-- MIRKO VIDOVIC

(NOTE: X. AND A.V. OBSERVED THAT THESE DRIVERS WOULD
KNOW WHERE THEY HAD DELIVERED THE CORPSES AND WOULD
PROBABLY ALSO KNOW HOW THEY HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF.)

WOMEN'S QUARTERS AT OMARSKA

[16.](#) (U) X. SAID THE THIRTY-EIGHT WOMEN IN THE CAMP
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SLEPT IN TWO ROOMS NEAR THE COMMANDER'S HEADQUARTERS.
THE ROOM NUMBERS ON THE DOORS WERE 102 AND 103. MOST
OF THE WOMEN WERE SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED. THEY
SLEPT ON THE FLOOR WITH ONE BLANKET FOR EVERY TWO
WOMEN. AS THEY TRIED TO SLEEP, THE WOMEN INVARIABLY
HEARD THE SCREAMS OF PRISONERS BEING TORTURED NEXT
DOOR. THIS WAS THE "INTERROGATION" ROOM. EACH
MORNING THE WOMEN WERE WOKEN UP AT SIX, AND TWO WERE
CHOSEN RANDOMLY TO CLEAN THE "INTERROGATION" ROOM.
IT WAS COVERED WITH FRESH BLOOD EACH MORNING. THE
"INTERROGATION" ROOM HAD THREE TABLES PUSHED AGAINST
THE WALLS, AND WHIPS MADE FROM HEAVY WIRE CABLE.
UNDER THREAT OF DEATH, THE WOMEN HAD TO PUT
EVERYTHING BACK IN EXACTLY THE PLACE THEY HAD FOUND
IT IN THE ROOM.

[17.](#) (U) ON OCCASION THE WOMEN ALSO CLEANED THE
OFFICES OF THE COMMANDERS. THE WOMEN PRISONERS WERE
ALWAYS HIDDEN FROM JOURNALISTS. X. SAID SHE KNEW OF
NO RAPES OR EXTREME BEATINGS OF THE WOMEN AT OMARSKA,
ALTHOUGH THEY WERE TERRORIZED AND USED AS FORCED
LABOR.

MEN'S QUARTERS

[18.](#) (U) OMARSKA HAD TWO BUILDINGS USED EXCLUSIVELY
AS TORTURE CENTERS, THE "WHITE HOUSE" AND THE "RED
HOUSE." ACCORDING TO X., F.B., AND A.V., AS WELL AS
OTHER EX-DETAINEES, THE WHITE HOUSE WAS TERRIBLE, BUT
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ON OCCASION PEOPLE RETURNED FROM IT. NO ONE SENT TO
THE RED HOUSE EVER CAME BACK. THREE SPIRAL WATER
TRANSPORTERS EXTENDED OUT OF THE RED HOUSE. X. AND

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F.B. DESCRIBED THE WATER AS A STRANGE RUST RED COLOR. EDUCATED PRISONERS TENDED TO BE SENT TO THE RED HOUSE. (SEE SEPTEL - CASE OF S.H., OMARSKA SURVIVOR.)

19. (U) F.B. SAID HE WAS CONFINED ALONG WITH ABOUT 470 OTHERS IN A ROOM WITH A SIMPLE CEMENT FLOOR ON THE SECOND-STORY OF A "FACTORY" BUILDING. FROM A WINDOW IN THE ROOM, PRISONERS COULD SEE DIRECTLY INTO ONE ROOM OF THE "WHITE HOUSE" AND COULD SEE PRISONERS BEING TORTURED.

120. (U) F.B. SAID BEATINGS OFTEN WERE GIVEN NOT BY THE SHIFT GUARDS, BUT BY INDIVIDUALS FROM TOWN WHO

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WERE ALLOWED INTO THE CAMP AFTER DARK TO GAIN REVENGE
ON SPECIFIC PRISONERS (SEE PARA. 21 BELOW). SANITARY
FACILITIES WERE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. EACH
PRISONER WAS OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED TO USE A TOILET FOR
TWO MINUTES OR LESS. MOST PRISONERS WERE COVERED
WITH LICE AND SUFFERED FROM DYSENTERY. FOR LACK OF
SPACE IN SOME ROOMS, PRISONERS HAD TO SLEEP IN A
SITTING POSITION. IN AT LEAST ONE SEVERELY CRAMPED

ROOM, PRISONERS HAD TO TAKE TURNS SLEEPING; TWO-THIRDS OF THE PRISONERS WOULD STAND FOR AN HOUR WHILE ONE-THIRD SLEPT. THESE SLEEPING SHIFT CHANGES WOULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF EXTREME BRUTALITY

121. (U) F.B. SAID THAT A MUSLIM FRIEND NAMED MIR KARABASIC WAS TORTURED REGULARLY. ONE DAY EMIR RETURNED TO THE SLEEPING ROOM WITH HIS BACK SEVERELY BURNED BY A GUARD. THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN GIVEN SOME PORK LARD, AND F.B. RUBBED SOME OF THIS ON EMIR'S CHARRED BACK. TWO DAYS LATER, TWO SERBIAN BROTHERS WERE LET INTO THE CAMP AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK. THEY WERE DUSKO TADIC (NICKNAME DULE) AND LJUBO TADIC. THEY OFTEN VISITED THE CAMP AT NIGHT.

122. (U) THE TADIC BROTHERS ENTERED THE SLEEPING QUARTERS CARRYING PISTOLS AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES. THEY CALLED FOR EMIR, JASMIN HRMIC, AND (FNU) ALIC TO COME FORWARD. THE THREE WERE BEATEN WITH RIFLE BUTTS AND
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POLICE BATONS IN FULL VIEW OF THE OTHER PRISONERS, INCLUDING F.B. THE TADIC BROTHERS FORCED ALIC FIRST TO DRINK A GLASS OF MOTOR OIL AND THEN TO DRINK THE

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126. F.B. AND SEVERAL OTHER PRISONERS WITNESSED THE SENSELESS BEATING AND DEATH OF RIZA HADJALIC. RIZA HAD RECEIVED HIS DAILY SLICE OF BREAD AND WAS WALKING AWAY, WHEN A GUARD SAID "DOBAR TEK" (GOOD APPETITE). RIZA REPLIED SPONTANEOUSLY "BUJUM," (THE MULSIM DIALECT EQUIVALENT. SEVERAL GUARDS IMMEDIATELY SET UPON RIZA AND BEAT HIM SENSELESS. AFTERWARDS RIZA LAY ON HIS BACK AND VOMITED. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO TURN HIM OVER. RIZA SUFFOCATED ON HIS VOMIT IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS.

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(NOTE: X. AND A.V. OBSERVED THAT THESE DRIVERS WOULD KNOW WHERE THEY HAD DELIVERED THE CORPSES AND WOULD PROBABLY ALSO KNOW HOW THEY HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF.)

WOMEN 'S QUARTERS AT OMARSKA

116. (U) X. SAID THE THIRTY-EIGHT WOMEN IN THE CAMP
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SLEPT IN TWO ROOMS NEAR THE COMMANDER'S HEADQUARTERS.
THE ROOM NUMBERS ON THE DOORS WERE 102 AND 103. MOST
OF THE WOMEN WERE SINGLE, DIVORCED, OR WIDOWED. THEY
SLEPT ON THE FLOOR WITH ONE BLANKET FOR EVERY TWO
WOMEN. AS THEY TRIED TO SLEEP, THE WOMEN INVARIABLY
HEARD THE SCREAMS OF PRISONERS BEING TORTURED NEXT
DOOR. THIS WAS THE "INTERROGATION" ROOM. EACH
MORNING THE WOMEN WERE WOKEN UP AT SIX, AND TWO WERE
CHOSEN RANDOMLY TO CLEAN THE "INTERROGATION" ROOM.
IT WAS COVERED WITH FRESH BLOOD EACH MORNING. THE
"INTERROGATION" ROOM HAD THREE TABLES PUSHED AGAINST
THE WALLS, AND WHIPS MADE FROM HEAVY WIRE CABLE.
UNDER THREAT OF DEATH, THE WOMEN HAD TO PUT
EVERYTHING BACK IN EXACTLY THE PLACE THEY HAD FOUND
IT IN THE ROOM.

117. (U) ON OCCASION THE WOMEN ALSO CLEANED THE OFFICES OF THE COMMANDERS. THE WOMEN PRISONERS WERE ALWAYS HIDDEN FROM JOURNALISTS. X. SAID SHE KNEW OF NO RAPES OR EXTREME BEATINGS OF THE WOMEN AT OMARSKA, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE TERRORIZED AND USED AS FORCED LABOR.

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WERE ALLOWED INTO THE CAMP AFTER DARK TO GAIN REVENGE
ON SPECIFIC PRISONERS (SEE PARA. 21 BELOW). SANITARY
FACILITIES WERE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. EACH
PRISONER WAS OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED TO USE A TOILET FOR
TWO MINUTES OR LESS. MOST PRISONERS WERE COVERED
WITH LICE AND SUFFERED FROM DYSENTERY. FOR LACK OF
SPACE IN SOME ROOMS, PRISONERS HAD TO SLEEP IN A
SITTING POSITION. IN AT LEAST ONE SEVERELY CRAMPED
ROOM, PRISONERS HAD TO TAKE TURNS SLEEPING; TWO-
THIRDS OF THE PRISONERS WOULD STAND FOR AN HOUR WHILE
ONE-THIRD SLEPT. THESE SLEEPING SHIFT CHANGES WOULD
CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF EXTREME BRUTALITY

121. (U) F.B. SAID THAT A MUSLIM FRIEND NAMED MIR
KARABASIC WAS TORTURED REGULARLY. ONE DAY EMIR
RETURNED TO THE SLEEPING ROOM WITH HIS BACK SEVERELY
BURNED BY A GUARD. THE PRISONERS HAD BEEN GIVEN SOME
PORK LARD, AND F.B. RUBBED SOME OF THIS ON EMIR'S
CHARRED BACK. TWO DAYS LATER, TWO SERBIAN BROTHERS
WERE LET INTO THE CAMP AFTER FIVE O'CLOCK. THEY WERE
DUSKO TADIC (NICKNAME DULE) AND LJUBO TADIC. THEY
OFTEN VISITED THE CAMP AT NIGHT.

122. (U) THE TADIC BROTHERS ENTERED THE SLEEPING
QUARTERS CARRYING PISTOLS AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES. THEY
CALLED FOR EMIR, JASMIN HRMIC, AND (FNU) ALIC TO COME
FORWARD. THE THREE WERE BEATEN WITH RIFLE BUTTS AND
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POLICE BATONS IN FULL VIEW OF THE OTHER PRISONERS,
INCLUDING F.B. THE TADIC BROTHERS FORCED ALIC FIRST
TO DRINK A GLASS OF MOTOR OIL AND THEN TO DRINK THE

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